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DOINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Local Paragraphs Picked up by Pungent Pencil Pusher.

Dr. E. C. Polmeter, osteopathic physician, will locate in our city for the practice of his profession Monday, March 5th. Consultation and examination free.

Mr. and Mrs. Randle were in town Wednesday completing the sale of their farm south of Forker preparatory to moving to their new home near Herington, Kansas.

J. J. Wiles was in Kansas last week and bought a fine 80 acre farm near Hope, Dickinson county, and will remove to the Sunflower state this month. W. S. Savage made the sale.

J. C. Stevens, who has been operator for the Burlington at Meadville since C. E. Wanamaker was sent to Sumner, was this week promoted to agent and given the station at Stewartville.

E. M. Sippie and Miss Mamie Field and W. E. Burke and Miss Daisie Rankin attended a silver medal declamatory contest at Meadville on Friday night of last week. Mr. Sippie and Miss Rankin were two of the judges.

Roller skating Saturday night. There was a big crowd at the rink last Saturday night and all had a fine time. It is the most popular and healthful amusement going and those who are not attending the local rink are missing lots of fun.

The orchestra organized last October by Prof. Nielson, of Brookfield, contemplate giving a concert the latter part of this month or first of April. The boys are doing some hard practice and hope to be able to give a first-class entertainment by that date.

The telephone gang that has been camped in the north part of town for the past two weeks broke camp yesterday and stored the tents and other camp equipment in the Woodmen building until it can be moved. There were about thirty-five men in the gang and half of them have been laid off until the ground settles.

B. Slaght loaded a car Wednesday and left for his new home at White City, Kansas. The family will follow later. Laclede regrets to lose these good people but wishes them success and prosperity in their new location. Mr. Slaght will open a blacksmith shop at White City and being a fine workman deserves a liberal patronage.

F. M. Connor, the land man, completed the sale of some of his Chariton county land this week and made the largest individual deposit ever made with the local bank, the amount placed to his credit being \$18,000. Mr. Connor has a farm of several hundred acres in Texas which he recently got in a big land deal in Indiana.

The municipal campaign is warming up, and candidates are being made and unmade every day now. C. E. Hilton having declined to run for mayor P. F. Felt, the veteran implement dealer, is being mentioned and we understand at the solicitation of friends has become a candidate for the office. D. Carmichael authorizes us to say that he will be a candidate for alderman from the east ward. Mr. Carmichael is one of our best and most substantial citizens and would make a good member of the council.

Wants to be Mr. Allen's Deputy.
Jefferson City Republican-Review.

B. A. Roy, editor of the Bonne Terre Register, wants to be made a deputy under E. B. Allen, internal revenue collector, recently appointed. St. Francois county went republican for the first time in its history last election, and on this very solid basis Mr. Roy is basing his claims to appointment.

From Over the County.

The first of a series of monthly stock sales will be held at Meadville today.

H. S. Johnson has been appointed county clerk by Governor Folk to fill out the unexpired term of the late B. B. Edwards. Mr. Johnson has been deputy in the office for the past three years.

B. S. Abell, father of Mrs. B. S. Cross, of Laclede, died in Oklahoma a few days ago. The remains were brought to this county and buried at Mt. Olive church in Jackson township.

W. L. Duncan, of Browning, who died February 4, was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. On February 10 the proof of death was mailed to the head office at Rock Island, Ill., and ten days later his beneficiaries received a check for \$2,000, the full amount of the claim. This prompt way of doing business is what has made the Modern Woodmen the greatest fraternal insurance society in the world.

Some of the old time Burlington trainmen, engineers and switchmen are feeling a bit nervous just now. An order recently issued from headquarters instructs the proper officials to make a close test examination for seeing and hearing of the employees indicated above. A wreck occurred recently on the road, and an investigation revealed the fact that one of the company's old time engineers, who was in charge of the train which caused the wreck, could not see two car lengths ahead of him. This accident is thought to have caused this latest order to be issued.

The people of Laclede are interested in the announcement that Mr. Walker Whiteside, that talented artist, is to be at The DeGraw in Brookfield next Tuesday night, March 6th, and past performances assure an evening's entertainment of rare worth. Mr. Whiteside is today one of the best known actors in the land; certainly his highly artistic rendition of many exacting roles has entitled him to some degree of appreciation. His greatest reputation has been won as an actor in Shakespearean roles, his "Hamlet" being characterized by even hypercritical authorities as being marvelously perfect, and many have conceded to him the toga of the late Edwin Booth. Mr. Whiteside has not known failure in any of his attempts. As an actor of the romantic school, Mr. Whiteside bids fair to earn as many encomiums as he did in his Shakespearean renditions. In his success of last season, "David Garrick's Love," he will be seen next Tuesday night. Mr. Whiteside will be supported by a superbly efficient acting company and the production will be most elaborately staged and costumed. The play is a picturesque comedy, one possessing many meritorious qualifications and one which will easily take rank as the real dramatic event of the local theatrical season.

High School Debate.

Don't forget about the debate between the Marceline and the Laclede high schools at the Laclede opera house on Friday evening, March 9. This promises to be the greatest event of the school year. It will be entertaining and instructive and will fill your soul with enthusiasm.

As there will be considerable expense to meet, an admission of 25 cents will be charged. Those who want reserved seats may get them at the postoffice next week, beginning Tuesday. To offer special inducements to purchase tickets early, reserved seat tickets will be sold at the office for only 25 cents, the price of general admission that night. Those who come first will, of course, have first choice.

HERE AND THERE.

Local Items of the Week Gathered For the Busy Blade Readers.

Virgil Harter, carrier on route 3, reports two wagons and a dead horse half buried in the mud on the main road a mile and a half east of town.

If you use Putnam Fadeless Dyes, you can do your own dyeing just as well as a professional. Remember we allow no one to make a failure with Putnam Fadeless Dyes. Monroe Drug Co., Unionville, Mo.

The moving season is now here but very little of it can be done for awhile. The oldest citizens are saying they never saw the roads as bad as now. So these necessary changes will be attended with more than ordinary difficulties.

The rural mail carriers out of Laclede have been having a serious time of it the past ten days. They have been out every day, however, and worked hard to get the mail to their patrons, but it is almost a physical impossibility to cover the routes entire in one day over such roads as we now have.

The American Reading Circle met at the home of Mrs. Eccles Tuesday evening, February 27. The subject for study—"Washington"—proved to be both interesting and instructive. After the program the ladies were treated to a dainty "Martha Washington tea," the hostess impersonating Martha Washington.

The P. E. O. ladies entertained at the Odd Fellows' Hall Wednesday evening and initiated a large class of B. I. L.'s. The M. M. ceremony was given, and the married martyrs and the maidens' martyrs agreed heroically to all the oaths administered. The grip, sign of distress, etc., were received by the M. M.'s with great solemnity, and created much merriment for their captors. At the close of the ceremony delicious refreshments were served in courses.

Governor Folk last week renewed the reward of \$300 which was offered for the arrest of George Taylor, who with his brother, Wm. Taylor, hanged at Carrollton, murdered the Meeks family in Linn county several years ago. It will be remembered that the two were confined in the jail at Carrollton after their conviction of the atrocious deed, awaiting execution, when they managed to make their escape from jail. William was caught and later executed. George has since been at large.

Telegraph reports indicate that Monday's heavy fall of snow was general throughout the state and extended into sections of many other states. The average level in Missouri was given as about six inches. No great damage was done, but the heavy, wet snow, following the warm weather, which took the frost out of the ground, has made the streets and highways almost impassable and put a check to business in all country towns. Building operations have also been suspended by reason of not being able to move material.

Magnificently costumed, artistically staged and properly rendered, "David Garrick's Love," the delightful romantic comedy in which Mr. Walker Whiteside is being starred, should be the dramatic success of the season. It was given a short trial last year and won fame and financial reward for star and management, and the verdict of those cities in which it was presented last season will undoubtedly be endorsed by the press and the public in this community when it shall be presented here. An excellent supporting company has been selected to interpret the various roles, and a perfect production is assured. Brookfield, March 6, DeGraw Theatre.

Some Evening Reveries.

We believe the friends of this department, and, if we feel the pulse of our readers correctly, that means all our subscribers, will read with relish a few thoughts on woman's work and compensation for the same.

One of the fashionable sins of the present time is the sin of idleness. This may not apply to the "club ladies" of our town, but this evil exists to an alarming extent, especially so in larger cities, where competent ladies flit away time as if there were no claims upon them in the busy marts of life. There are persons whom the stress of circumstances compels to work, but the work is too often done under protest. There is a growing distaste for housekeeping. While all honest labor is honorable, there is nothing more so than the care of a home.

The wages of women were never so high as now, yet it is almost impossible to procure the services of a good woman at any price, for the reason that labor is looked upon as degrading. Young women turn to all sorts of office work, where snares and temptations beset them, because they can dress better and keep their hands whiter than they can when doing kitchen work.

The wives and mothers of a century ago were proud to exhibit the result of their industry in the manufacture of cloth and the making of garments for their families. There is no call for such work in our day, yet there are enough calls to duty in every home to employ the housekeeper. Home to many women means nothing more than a laundry where they take their clothes to be washed and ironed; to the man a place to eat and sleep—their evenings being largely spent at clubs or billiard halls. The old fashioned home keepers have become almost a lost quantity. Societies of various kinds occupy much of their time. The children are sent to school at the age of six and the mothers are at liberty to flit about until they return at noon when the lunch of food prepared outside the home is placed before the family and the duties until high twelve are discharged. The afternoons and evenings are given to society work. Of course, this does not apply to all homes, but there is a general tendency to neglect the claims of the family for outside pleasure. We have met some women who, when asked if they keep house, blushing reply, "We do light housekeeping because we dislike boarding."

The busy men and women of the world are they who have attained to greatness. Many such have endured hardships and practiced rigid economy to enable them to meet the demands of a large family and the greatest men this country has produced have been men who have labored with hands and brain, after acquiring a competency, remembering the years that are gone, admit that their working years were their happiest years.

Honest poverty should be respected and not scorned. It was in the homes of the lowly that we oftenest find Christ when upon the earth, and in our day it can be truthfully said that we meet Him there oftener than elsewhere.

Work is a moral and physical lifter; it is a panacea for sorrow; idleness brings moral decay and furnishes an incentive to crime. The avalanche of crime that is sweeping over our beautiful land is largely due to the fact that too many would rather steal than work. The life of duty, not the life of mere ease or mere pleasure, is the kind of life which makes the great men and women. The best prize that life offers is the chance to work at work worth doing.

CHAIRMAN NIEDRINGHAUS'S NEW PLAN.

Would Separate Committee Election from Nominations and Get Early Start.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The adoption of a new plan for electing and organizing the new republican state committee, which is to direct the 1906 campaign, has been decided on by State Chairman Niedringhaus, and will be placed before the committee at a special meeting to be held in St. Louis March 10. A call for the special meeting will be issued this week, the object being to get the new plan before the committee for approval as quickly as possible.

Instead of naming the new committee and chairman at the state nominating convention, as has been the custom, it is proposed to call a special delegate convention for the sole purpose of electing the committee and taking up organization affairs. The tentative date set for this convention is April 10, allowing thirty days for the selection of delegates in the counties.

The move is a new one, and the outcome will attract much attention, particularly as it is forecasted that there will be opposition to its adoption. At headquarters, the new deal is called the "Indiana plan," because it is patterned after organization methods in Indiana, where the state committee is thus elected. Secretary McCoy says that the Indiana republicans have the model organization of the country, when it comes to going after the votes and carrying a doubtful state.

The principal advantage of the special convention, he says, will be to give the committee an early start and get the campaign in swing much earlier than could be done if the selection of the committee is left open until the nominating convention in August.

If the new plan is adopted, the special convention will be held out in the state, probably at Jefferson City, although Hannibal, Sedalia and St. Joseph are being considered. County conventions to elect the delegates to the special convention after the usual procedure will be ordered and matters arranged to have the county committees selected by these conventions.

That the move has any bearing on Chairman Niedringhaus' plans for remaining at the head of the committee is denied by his supporters. At headquarters yesterday there was some talk among the visitors about the opposition to Mr. Niedringhaus having finally agreed on Wallace Love, of Kansas City, as their candidate for the place.

Who is Albert Downing?

From Quincy Journal.

A petition for divorce was filed today entitled Nettie M. Downing vs. Albert Downing, the defendant in which it is said now lives at Laclede, Mo. The couple was married at Carthage, Ill., Oct. 1898, and lived together until Oct. 31, 1901. Habitual drunkenness is the charge made in the bill. Mrs. Downing asks that she be given the custody of their one child a daughter aged 6 years.

Torture by Savages.

"Speaking of the torture to which some of the savage tribes in the Philippines subject their captives, reminds me of the intense suffering I endured for three months from inflammation of the kidneys," says W. M. Sherman, of Cushing, Me. "Nothing helped me until I tried Electric Bitters, three bottles of which completely cured me." Cures liver complaint, dyspepsia, blood disorders and malaria; and restores the weak and nervous to robust health. Guaranteed by W. R. Barton, druggist. Price 50c.

Mrs. W. L. Campbell, out on route 2, spent last week with her parents near Wheeling.